

District 1 Meeting Minutes for March 15, 2021
(ZOOM)

Attendance: Craig R., Peggy R., Daniel S., Chuck G.,
Hugh C., Carole W., Sara S., Suzie F., Colleen B., and Fred W.

Concept – Sara S. read Concept XII

Secretary Report– Suzie F. read the minutes from the February, 2021 meeting. Motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes with revisions.

Treasurers Report - Peggy R – Read the Treasury report for **2/16/21 – 3/15/21**

Beginning Balance:		\$3,572.76
Credits:		
	Mary W. Venmo Donation	50.00
	Solomons Group	25.00
Total Credits:		\$ 75.00
Debits:		
	Bank Service Fee (11/26/21)	3.00
	Zoom Monthly Fee (2/3/21)	14.99
	Website Fee (2/18/21)	23.99
	Craig R. (check #1670)	86.00
	Reimbursement NERAASA Attendance And Event CD Set	
Total Debits:		\$ 127.98
Ending Balance:		\$3,519.78

DCM Report: none

SMIA Liaison:

Bill L emailed report: **SMIA Report for March, 2021**

Treasurer's Report –The SMIA has \$1096.96 in Operating funds, \$5800 in Prudent Reserve, \$308.51 in PayPal, \$65.21 in petty cash, and \$100 in Bookstall petty cash. Total Net Cash Assets are \$7370.86.

Bookstall – Keenan opened and ran the Bookstall. Buddy is recovering from surgery. There was no new information on the Lifeline – Presented by Keith.

Lorraine asked about the submission deadline. It is the 27th of each month. We need more participation in the "Spotlight on Service" articles in the Lifeline. There is a link to submit these articles on the SMIA website at <https://somidintergroup.org/sos.html>

Telephone – Melissa presented a new phone service option from Verizon. This service will be less expensive and more flexible and comprehensive than our current service. It will require that a group of volunteers are available to answer calls on a rotational basis. When they field a call, they will contact someone from the 12 Step Call List in the appropriate county. Melissa will be piloting this with a small group of volunteers initially, then present the findings to the SMIA.

Last month's calls by County - Want to Talk, Meeting info, Need a ride, Other. St. Mary's 0 Calvert 1 Charles 0. The NE Community Center advising us that they had space for meetings.

Web Report – Site Updates and Changes. No significant site changes made this month. No new on-line meetings added. One was removed. There are currently 44 on-line meetings in the SMIA service area to date, 78 meetings are in-person, 14 of which are meeting outdoor. 17 meetings are in-person with an on-line option. 70 meetings are reported as closed, and of those 70, 22 have an on-line presence The SMIA On-Line Bookstall had 334 new visitors since the February meeting, and 2228

since opening in May 2020. There have been 22 total on-line orders and 2 new orders since the February meeting

Bridging the Gap – No report Public Information – No report from District 1, 35, or 36. No representation from any county.

Corrections and Treatment - No report from District 1. Charles County Corrections will be resuming soon, and they sent out a new form for volunteers who would like to take meetings into their facilities. No report from St. Mary's County.

Picnic – No report **Gratitude Dinner** – No report
Serenity Breakfast – No report

Old Business – None **New Business**- The SMIA Chair (Bill L.) presented an amendment (Article 11, Amendment 11.1) to the SMIA By-Laws addressing members who egregiously disrupt SMIA business and service by means of harassment, circumventing business practices, and interfering with SMIA relationships. This amendment was reviewed by the SMIA Board of Directors and was presented to the SMIA Membership at the meeting. The SMIA Representatives will take the amendment to their respective groups for discussion at their Group Conscience Meetings. A second reading, as required by the SMIA By-Laws will be presented at the April Monthly Meeting. If the amendment is ratified by a 2/3 majority of the membership present at that meeting, it will be added to the SMIA By-Laws immediately thereafter and sent to the SMIA Board for approval and signature. The Each One Reach One campaign was added to the SMIA Home Page

Four on-line meetings added. There are currently 45 on-line meetings in the SMIA service area.

To date, 74 meetings have reopened, 17 of which are meeting outdoor. 18 meetings are in-person and on-line. 74 meetings are reported as closed, and of those 74, 23 have an on-line presence

Public Information – No report from District 1, 35, or 36. No representation from any county

Where and When – Pat P. presented. There are still no immediate plans to print a new Where and When, as this is still a very fluid situation. A question was raised as to whether we should continue to print hard copies at all. We all agreed to continue printing, but perhaps in a lower volume. However, Pat said that at our current volume, we get 2000 copies free.

The PDF available for download from the SMIA site is kept accurate as information is received. It is accurate as of today.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Accessibility Committee– Sara S. - Okay, from the last accessibilities conference, it was suggested that Intergroups consider posting this link on their website for easy reference requests to update the group listings and consider posting the link which will be forwarded to the chair. In addition, the link will be shared and anyone can update the information. But it says to request the DCMs to get the word out to groups about updating the directory. But I didn't know if they are suggesting that we have SMIA post it on their website. That way, any member of any one of those groups can go on and update that checklist. That way we can really see what's accessible and what's not. Should I just continue personally contacting a member of each group or if we should just post this link to the SMIA and the Calvert AA websites. That way, anybody can go on there and say, Hey, I'll go measure it. The checklist is posted on the Area 29 as well.

The status gets updated on the State level. Right now, that's being controlled by the area accessibility chair. I see no problem if you want talk to someone from each group.

I put our Accessibility Information on calvertaa.org email address in the chat. So, if you would like to sign up to do a chemist that would be great.

Bridging the Gap - Chuck G – There were no calls this past month. Nothing to report.

Events-- Suzie F - I am excited about our zoom workshop on Traditions and Relationships on April 3. Hoping to have another workshop towards the end of the month on what our GSR's voted on.

Grapevine Committee – Colleen B – A Virtual Monthly Area 29 Grapevine Committee Meeting was established and Tuesday March 23, 2021 the first one was held.

Topics of Discussion:

1. What's new at AA Grapevine
2. The upcoming months magazine
3. Carry the Message Project
4. Sharing and collaborating

Interest in the grapevine magazine has begun to pick up. AA members have been inquiring about subscription costs, print editions and Questions about the YouTube AA Grapevine Channel have gained traction as well.

Grapevine Committee Meetings will be held on the 4th Tuesday of each month. April 27th is the

next scheduled meeting. It was very good to get to know the others who are working in the other areas and districts.

Institutions- Mark B. emailed me on 2/8 and said, Good day everyone, Avenues is starting meetings up again using Zoom. They want AA to bring meetings on Wednesdays at 1 p.m. Starting next week. Which

would have been February 17, which will be currently just the one meeting per week on Wednesday.

Public Information Committee - Roger M – Emailed – Everything good.

Web Committee – Bill L. – Emailed report
District 1 Web report for March 2021 2/15/21 – 3/15/21

Total Visits: 884 – Down 3.8 % from the previous month

Most Frequently visited pages: Home Page, On-Line Meetings Page, Meetings Page, Meeting Calendar, Announcements

Referring Pages: Direct Entry, Google, Bing

Top 10 Visitor Locations: Maryland, DC, Illinois, Oregon, Canada, United Kingdom

Browsers: Chrome, Safari, IE, Edge, Mobile (variety)

Site Changes – No significant changes this month. District 1 Where and When PDF updated and posted to SMIA site. Reflects all meetings status to date.

Old Business– (keep old Business listed until completed) Discussed possibility of moving the District Meeting to a location that would allow us to meet in person. After discussion, it was decided to continue District Meeting in Zoom format and reconsider this at a later time. (Update - Chuck G. checked on the room available. Not available until after February.)

New Business – Fred W. - On meeting closures, the Friday Night Live meeting is Solomons has no intention of reopening. I see it's still listed.

Group Reports:

231 Group- KennyG. - 231 was doing really well, maybe a dozen people. Room does not have a lot of ventilation... Now they have an online meeting as well as an in-person meeting. Tuesday it was about dozen people there, so that's going well I'm glad to say. I think 231 is still alive and well on both fronts, 10-12 people attending regularly.

Awakenings - Jim D – Not present.

A Vision for You - Needs GSR

Beach Beacon- Hugh C.is filling in as the temp GSR – We have 23 people on zoom. They tried to open the meeting up, but not a good turnout.

Bedouin Group- Sara S. – We are using one room now and have not hit the limit of 30 people. All positions are filled.

Cove Point - Needs GSR

Daily Reflections- Donald R. – (Carole W.) I just wanted to speak on behalf of Donald. I saw him at another meeting Saturday morning. The Monday and Thursday Lusby groups are still meeting at the community center Limit 10, masks of course. They were having to turn people away due to the 10-person limit. He got permission to utilize another classroom there so that more people can be accommodated and are not going to be turned away.

Daily Reprieve Group– Fred W. – Thursday meeting is doing well; we average 12-15 people weekly and we are making coffee. Chuck G –

Sunday night group is doing well; we are meeting in the church with an average of 10-12 people and masks are required.

Do Drop-In Women's Group- Carole W – Do Drop in Women's group - still meeting on Zoom Wednesdays at 5:15 and we'll continue that indefinitely, all positions are filled. And we usually have about at least 11 women attending. We are doing well.

Grapevine– Mark B. - Meeting via Zoom, 5 – 10 on Zoom. We are meeting in large room at the church, we practice social distancing and masks are required.

Grateful Alive Group - Needs

GSR **Happy Destiny**- Needs

GSR **Happy Hour**– Mark L.-

not present

Huntingtown Noon Group - Gene C - Not present

Keeping It Green - Needs GSR

Living Sober Group – Roger M – Emailed report – Everything is great at the meeting.

Lusby Group - Donald R. - Not present

Monday Night Men's Meeting– Daniel S. – My report is I have not been to a men's meeting since the last meeting. I'd imagine it's all still about the same. The same group of guys are showing up. You know what they usually average about 10 guys. They're averaging 10 to 15 people, depending on how many newcomers show up.

North Beach Group - Lynn H – Not present

Saturday Morning Breakfast – Needs GSR

Sober by the Bay - Lisa T – Our meetings are hybrid and we are doing great.

Solomons: Hugh C - I've just gotten word that the Solomon's group is averaging about 30-35 people for the inside meeting as well as the zoom meetings. Our regular scheduled speaker meetings have had as many as 50-100 people on them, so they've been pretty well attended. We've been really, really busy and that's been really good. As far as I know, all positions are all filled in both locations.

The Harmony Group – Bill – emailed - All positions are filled.

Operating in-person. Masks are mandatory at this meeting per the hosting facility requirements.

Sunderland Group- Bill L. – Emailed- There are no immediate plans to reopen this meeting.

Sunrise Sobriety - Needs GSR

Today Group - Katie S – Not present

We Wuz Wurz Group –We average 10-15 people; masks are required and we practice social distancing.

Meeting closed with prayer.